

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 6 and 8-10, and cancel claims 1-3 and 7, as set forth in the listing of claims that follows:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~39~~, wherein said stadia lines have a length that corresponds to a width of the vehicle.

5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the delineated in-path portion of the displayed field of view is wider than the length of said stadia lines.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~38~~, including a series of successively receding stadia lines in the delineated in-path portion of the displayed field of view corresponding to successively longer ranges from said vehicle.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein:~~ Apparatus for displaying a video image of a scene in a travel path of a vehicle, comprising:

a video camera device and lens for imaging a field of view including said travel path, said field of view including out-of-path objects that are out of said travel path as well as in-path objects that are in said travel path;

a video display device for displaying the imaged field of view;

a reticle substrate disposed between said video camera device and said lens for visually delineating an in-path portion of said field of view in which said in-path objects are displayed with a first light transmissivity from an out-of-path portion of said field of view in which said out-of-path objects are displayed with a second light transmissivity perceptibly different from the first light transmissivity, wherein said reticle substrate is optically transparent; and

a reticle array formed on said reticle substrate such that the imaged and displayed field of view includes an image of said reticle array, said reticle being defined by such image of such reticle array, wherein said reticle array includes a conical or frustro-conical region of substantially un-attenuated light transmissivity corresponding to the in-path portion of the displayed field of view, and a region of perceptibly attenuated light transmissivity corresponding to the out-of-path portion of the displayed field of view.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 78, wherein:

~~said reticle array defines a conical or frustro-conical region corresponding to the in-path portion of the displayed field of view, and~~ includes one or more stadia lines traversing said conical or frustro-conical region for aiding estimation of an object's range from the vehicle.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 78, wherein said reticle substrate is a cover of said video camera device.